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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 OAKLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 4:19-cv-04281 KAW
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Plaintiff,	)	<b>STATUS REPORT AND [PROPOSED] ORDER</b>
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
BTC-e, a/k/a CANTON BUSINESS CORP.,	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
ALEXANDER VINNIK,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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Plaintiff United States of America (the “United States”) respectfully submits this status report and proposed order pursuant to the Clerk’s Notice dated July 23, 2020. ECF No. 13. The United States has been working diligently to serve defendants BTC-e, a/k/a Canton Business Corp., and Alexander Vinnik (collectively, “Defendants”) abroad, and expects to complete service within the next thirty (30) days.

As the United States previously conveyed to the Court, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) exempts “service in a foreign country” from its time limits. ECF Nos. 10, 12. Nevertheless, the United States has been attempting to promptly serve Defendants abroad. After the United States filed its complaint on July 25, 2019, and because Defendants were in Greece at that time, the United States began the process of translating the complaint and summons into Greek under the Convention on the

1 Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters (“Hague  
2 Service Convention”). In January 2020, after the United States completed the Request for Service  
3 Abroad of Judicial or Extrajudicial Documents required by the Hague Service Convention but before it  
4 completed service, Defendant Vinnik was extradited to France. The United States began the process of  
5 re-translating the appropriate documents into French and effectuating service on Defendants in France.  
6 Defendant Vinnik is currently on trial in France, and the outcome of his trial may determine whether he  
7 remains in France or is extradited. In either event, the United States expects to complete service on  
8 Defendants within thirty (30) days. Accordingly, the United States respectfully requests that the Court  
9 allow the United States to file another status report in sixty (60) days, or by December 21, 2020.

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11 Respectfully submitted,

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff United States of America shall file a Status Report by December 21, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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HON. KANDIS A. WESTMORE  
United States Magistrate Judge